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Applicant: Nelson, Glenn Docket No.: 12321
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Title: **ARTICLE IRRADIATION SYSTEM SHIELDING**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Applicants have considered the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 9, 2003 and, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, submit for consideration the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that additional fees are required. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any payment deficiency in payment to deposit account number 04-1425, referencing docket number 12321 and client/matter number 453374-0021.

This response is formatted in accordance with revisions to 37 CFR 1.121. As this is a new format, it is respectfully requested that Applicants' counsel be contacted as soon as possible if any problems with the format are encountered.



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depend. In addition all of the rejected claims require a two level irradiation system. Both of the cited references disclose single level systems. Therefore Beers cannot be combined with Allen to make the two level system of the claimed invention obvious.


CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, or believes that a personal or telephonic interview will expedite prosecution, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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